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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Prospects for Agriculture in
Communist Countries as of August
1967

1. You may be interested in the attached intelligence memorandum which reviews the current prospects for agriculture in the Communist countries. As of August agricultural prospects were relatively good in all the Communist countries except North Vietnam. Crop production for the Communist countries as a group will probably be above average but less than last year.

2. A record wheat crop has already been harvested in Eastern Europe and the Soviet wheat harvest is likely to be above average but less than the bumper 1966 crop. Scattered drought conditions may, however, adversely affect fall-harvested crops.

3. Grain imports by the Communist countries from the West are expected to lag behind those of 1966 unless there is a dramatic change in the prospects for the fall harvest. Certain of the Eastern European countries may have significant quantities of grain for export from the 1967 harvest. To date even the Chinese Communists have shown little urgency in negotiating for Free World grain.


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